(d) if so the details therof; and

(e) what are the steps taken to settle the dispute between Goa State and Railways?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 1994-95.

(b) 68 Kms. lonk section between Mangalore-Udipi has already been opened to traffic and 48 Kms. long section between Roha and Veer is ready for opening.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no dispute between Gversment of Goa and Railways.

Conversion of Gondia Chanderpur

1846. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert Godnia Chanderpur to Broad Gauge from Meter Gauge; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this project has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Monitoring the Punctuality of Trains

1847. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are monitoring punctuality of the trains mainly long-distance trains;

(b) if so, the names fotrains in whose case punctuality is monitored regularly;

(c) wha thas been the performance of these trains during 1992-93;

(d) whta are the steps taken to ensure punctually of trains specially late running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Punctuality of all Mail|Express trains (about 425 pairs) including long distance trains is monitored round the clock by the Railways.

(c) During 1992-93, avergae per cenage of right time arrival of Mail|Express trains was 83.4 per cent.

(d) Every effort is being made by the railways to ensure puntcual running of the trains. However, extraneus factors like agitations|bandhs on issues not concerning railways, alarm chain pulling and other miscreant actvities like sabotage on the track etc. continue to affect running of trains adversely.

Locos Import on Hire Purchase basis

1848. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import locos on hire purchase basis to augment its halling capacity; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries from which locos are to be purchased, the number of locos and the estimated cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The augmentation of hauling capacity on Indias Railways is continuous process. The hire purchase arrangement is in th econceptual stage.

(b) There is no concrete proposal so far.